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Oral history interview with Ethel Magafan

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Ethel Magafan
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Identifier:	AAA.magafa64
Creator:	Magafan, Ethel, 1915 or 6-1993 (Interviewee) Trovato, Joseph S., 1912-1983 (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
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Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Ethel Magafan, 1964 Nov. 5, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3949 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Ethel Magafan (1915 or 6 -1993) was a mural painter in Woodstock, N.Y. Birthdate cited as both Oct. 10, 1916 and Aug. 10, 1915.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Ethel Magafan conducted 1964 Nov. 5, by Joseph S. Trovato for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Magafan speaks of her earliest associations with the WPA Federal Art Project; receiving commissions for murals in post offices and government buildings; subject matter of the murals she painted; her life in Woodstock, N.Y.; and her work methods.

General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 1 digital wav files. Duration is 25 min.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- Mural painting and decoration -- New York (State)
- Muralists -- New York (State) -- Interviews
- Painters -- New York (State) -- Interviews
- Women artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Federal Art Project (N.Y.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project